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(C) Post conveyed reftel A points to key MFA staff covering the Middle East, the UN, and human rights. Lex Gerts, Deputy Head of the Human Rights Division, said the Dutch would apply the same redlines they used in Geneva to determine their vote on UNGA resolutions concerning the Goldstone report -- supporting the primary role of the Human Rights Council in evaluating the report, letting the parties conduct their own internal investigations, and permitting time for those investigations to take place. A deadline for further action or review would be appropriate in 5-6 months, as contemplated in the previous compromise to defer consideration of the report until March 2010. A deadline of 3 months would be too early. Gerts emphasized that the Dutch parliament fully supports this approach. (Note: The parliament's support follows a compromise reached within the governing coalition, reftel B, allowing the Dutch to oppose the Goldstone resolution at the Human Rights Council. End Note.)

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